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SUBJECT: PRAVDA TASS REPLAY OF SECRETARY'S OCTOBER 12 INTERVIEW

1. OCTOBER 14 PRAVDA PRINTS A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON PREVIOUS DAY WITH EXTENSIVE ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY'S OCTTOBER 12 "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW, INCLUDING QUOTES ON DETENTE, SALT, CHINA TRIP, AND ARMS TO EGYPT. GRAIN DEAL AND MIDDLE EAST PEACE MOVES NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED.

2. LEADING WITH U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE, TASS HAS SECRETARY REPLYING TO QUESTION ABOUT "DOUBT" CAST ON POLICY BY "MANY CONSERVATIVES" WITH DESCRIPTION OF "DEFINITE BASIC CONDITIONS" FOR IT, INCLUDING POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NEED TO COEXIST, WHICH COMES OUT "THE USSR AND THE U.S. ...MUST COEXIST."

3. ON SALT, TASS SAYS SECRETARY "EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR SIGNING A SECOND AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS IN THE NEAR FURTURE ARE NOT BAD. IN HIS WORDS, WHETHER IT WILL BE DONE IN 1975 OR AT THE BEGINING OF 1976 WILL BECOME CLEAR LATER. AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE DECLARED, ONLY TWO OR THREE DISPUTED QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE AGREED, AND THEY CAN BE SETTLED AT ANY TIME, BUT AFTER THAT 4-6 WEEKS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WILL BE NEEDED TO WORK OUT THE FINAL DETAILS." SECRETARY'S REMARK THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS IN LAST 18 MONTHS MADE BY SOVIETS IS NOT RPT NOT CARRIED.

4. ON CHINA VISITS, TASS REPLAYS WHAT APPEAR TO BE MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS, ENDING WITH QUOTE: "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT." SECRETARY'S REMARK THAT PROGRESS NOT EXCLUSED IS NOT CARRIED.

5. ON QUESTION OF "CONCRETE U.S. OBLIGATIONS TO EGYPT CONCERNING MILITARY AID DURING (SADAT'S) FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON," TASS GIVES WHAT APPEARS TO BE ACCURATE QUOTE

ENDING WITH "WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM IN GENERAL TERMS." HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT IT ADDS "BUT NOT IN TERMS OF SHOPPING LIST." PERHAPS A DISTORTED REFLECTION OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT "WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IN FACT HE WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC SHOPPING LIST OR WHETHER HE WILL ASK FOR IT IN GENERAL."

6. COMMENT. SOVIET PRIORITIES--DETENTE, SALT, CHINA, MIDDLE EAST--EMERGE CLEARLY FROM TASS REPLAY. AT SAME TIME, SOVIET PUBLIC AND PARTY ARE NOW ON NOTICE THAT SALT MAY SLIP. HOWEVER, SLIPPAGE IS PAINTED AS HAVING NO REAL IMPORTANCE. END COMMENT.

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